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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Rural Electrification Corporation, is likely to get financial help fromthe World Bank for implementing its distributed generation schemes known as stand alone systems;

(b) if so, whether the Corporation is currently working on a policy to make finance available for setting up power projects under the distributed generation schemes;

(c) if so, whether these schemes will help in achieving the target of electrifying one lakh villages covering one crore households by 2007;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) the details of the improvement made so far in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) : During discussions with the World Bank on their programme for the power sector, the Bank`s involvement in rural electrification has also been envisaged.

(b) to (e) : Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) envisages financing of viable distributed generation projects.